(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The storm water drains are designed to a specific carrying capacity and on occasions when there is excessive rainfall, the water in these drains overflows resulting in temporary water-logging especially in low-lying areas. the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has, however, completed the process of de-silting of storm water drains in Sector-7, R. K. Puram to enable the drains to carry rainwater to their full capacity.

Paucity fo drinking water in R. K. Puram

2278. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA:
SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is paucity of drinking water in R. K. Puram (Sector-7), New Delhi and residents are forced to buy water from tankers to meet their essential needs; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to tackle the problem of water scarcity and address the related issues including making available of the basic amenities to the residents of the sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, in some of the houses situated at the extreme tail-end of the distribution system, the water pressure was comparatively low. The position has now improved to some extent by the replacement of the old 40 Horse Power pump by a new 60 Horse Power pump in the Booster Pumping Station situated opposite Sector-7, R. K. Puram, New Delhi. Besides, when there is any disruption in supply of water to such houses, Delhi Jal Baord supplies water through tankers, free of cost, on demand.

Media Management Secretariat

2279. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up a full - fledged

Media Management Secretariat to counter the anti-Government propaganda both by national and international media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether existing media establishments has failed to counter the anti-Government propaganda; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) It is proposed to set up a Media Management Secretariat in the Ministry of Home Affairs to formulate policies and programmes relating to dissemination of information in respect of matters about internal security. This Secretariat would be the interface of the Ministry of Home Affairs with the Press Information Bureau and the media. The proposed Media Management Secretariat will supplement the efforts of existing media establishments.

Riots after Godhara incident

†2280. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons arrested in connection with riots broke out after the Godhara incident in Gujarat;

(b) district-wise details of persons killed, affected and arrested in this regard; and

(c) the district-wise number of houses fully as well as partially damaged in the riots togetherwith the details of the assistance provided for the reconstruction of these houses to the affected persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) A total of 963 persons were killed and 66961 persons arrested. The district-wise details of the figures as on 4.8.2002 are given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

(c) As per figures available on 30.7.2002, a total of 5587 houses were fully damaged and 21505 houses partially damaged in the riots.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.